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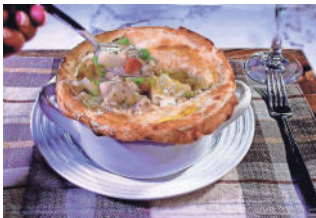
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Sources: U-M knew about Philbert

Years of misconduct complaints against him

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More than 20 women have now made sexual misconduct complaints against University of Michigan Provost Martin Philbert, some stretching back more than a decade, according to multiple sources with knowledge of the investigation.

Not all of the allegations were unknown to the university. At least three times over the years, complaints about Philbert's behavior were made to administrators at the school, multiple sources said.

One of those involved a lawsuit that was settled that contained allegations of Philbert and a researcher in his lab having a physical relationship. The other two complaints revolved around what multiple sources called Philbert's verbal "overtures" to various people working with and for him during his time at the school. The other complaints were filed af-



Provost Martin Philbert is on administrative leave.

ter Philbert was placed on administrative leave last month and involve various levels of sexual harassment, sources said.

The sources spoke on the condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak about Philbert or the investigation.

Philbert has been promoted multiple times at the university, including into his current position as the top academic officer at the Ann Arbor school.

Philbert is on paid administrative leave

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SOME MICHIGAN LIBRARIES ARE GETTING RID OF LATE FEES



Jeff Giroux watches his son Isaac, 7, and daughter Pearl, 4, play a computer game at Ferndale Public Library. Many libraries are eliminating late fees. JUNFU HAN/DFP

Turn the page on anxiety about overdue books

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My household checks out a *lot* of library materials — books, DVDs, CDs.

But life gets busy. Work. School. Play. Activities. Repeat. During the library loan time, something in the pile isn't returned on time. Then, it's overdue. Then, the fines begin.

But relief is in sight for some households like mine. Libraries in metro Detroit, Michigan and across the U.S. have or are considering joining the nationwide trend of elim-

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NH culls Dem presidential field as Yang, Bennet exit

Sanders led early, ahead of Buttigieg, Klobuchar

Steve Peoples, Kathleen Ronayne and Hunter Woodall
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MANCHESTER, N.H. — Fiery progressive Bernie Sanders fought for Democratic front-runner status Tuesday night as New Hampshire's first-in-the-nation primary began to cull the crowded field, bringing at least some clarity to a presidential nomination fight marred so far by dysfunction and doubt.

Sanders held a small lead over Pete Buttigieg and Amy Klobuchar as results were coming in. Elizabeth Warren and Joe Biden were vying for fourth, and neither was on track to receive any delegates.

As Sanders predicted victory, former Mayor Buttigieg and Sen. Klobuchar fought for an edge with their party's establishment with a strong finish. Warren and Biden wanted to avert political disaster, with Biden leaving the state hours before the final polls closed.

New Hampshire began narrowing the Democrats' unwieldy 2020 class even before the final results were known. Political newcomer Andrew Yang, having attracted a small but loyal following over the past year, was suspending



Yang



Bennet

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